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1. EC COMMISSION TENTATIVELY PLANS TO SEND PATRICK HOGUET, DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR FOOD POLICY MATERS, TO THE SUBJECT MEETING. HOGUET, HOWEVER, MUST ALSO ATTEND THE CIEC MEETINGS IN PARIS; SHOULD THESE MEETINGS BE EXTENDED BEYOND SEPTEMBER 18, HE MAY HAVE TO MISS THE MANILA MEETING.

2. MISSION OFFICER DISCUSSED WITH HOGUET SUBSTANCE OF US POSITION TOWARD CGFPI. HOGUET SAYS THE EC COMMISSION AND MOST MEMBER STATES GENERALLY AGREE WITH THE U.S. HOGUET PLANS ALSO TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT AS AN INFORMAL, SMALL SIZE GROUP, THE CGFPI HAS AN UNIQUE POTENTIAL, AND IF IT PROVES TO BE EFFECTIVE, CGFPI
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SHOULD BE CONTINUED FOR AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL

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YEAR. HOGUET SAYS HE ALSO SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF ASKING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO SUBMIT COUNTRY FOOD PLANS WHICH CGFPI COULD ASSESS IN THE FUTURE.

3. HOGUET CAUTIONS, HOWEVER, THAT HE CANNOT SPEAK FOR EC MEMBER STATES. SEVERAL ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT CONTINUING THE CGFPI, BECAUSE OF ITS LACK OF REAL RESULTS TO DATE. HE BELIEVES THAT FRANCE, THE U.K., THE FRG, THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO SEND DELEGATES TO THE MANILA MEETINGS. HINTON

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